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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL, CORPORATION COMMISSION FILE SUIT AGAINST TUCSON COUPLE, COMPANY OVER ALLEGATIONS OF CONSUMER, SECURITIES FRAUD**

(Phoenix) - Attorney General Janet Napolitano today announced her Office and the Arizona Corporation Commission have filed suit against a Delaware-based corporation and its two principals for allegedly illegally raising and misappropriating millions of dollars in stock from at least 500 investors across the country. The complaint alleges that between 1997 and 1999, the owners of the company, Mark and Maryanne Chisholm of Tucson, raised some \$14 (m) million in stock and that the couple used nearly \$7 (m) million of that money for personal expenses and other unauthorized purposes.

The complaint alleges that in February of 1997, the Chisholms began advertising Safari Media, Inc. stock for sale over the Internet, touting the company's high-tech focus. Safari Media purportedly designs, produces, publishes and markets multimedia CD-ROM titles, provides consulting services for web design, development and maintenance and records soundtracks for multimedia web site designs and CD-ROM platforms. In addition to alleging violations of the State Consumer Fraud Act, the lawsuit cites violations of the Arizona Securities Act and the Arizona Racketeering Act. A Maricopa County Court Judge has placed the company under receivership has issued a temporary restraining order against Safari Media and the Chisholms. Safari Media stock is not registered and the Chisholms are not licensed to sell securities.

The Corporation Commission filed a temporary order to cease and desist against the company in November of 1999, but the suit alleges that the Chisholms continued to sell stock anyway, raking in some \$1.8 (m) million since then. The State of Washington had also issued a similar order in 1997. Currently, the Chisholms are advertising opportunities to invest in Safari Music Media Management, Inc., a Nevada-based company, citing a goal of raising \$25 (m) million in investments.

Napolitano and the Corporation Commission are seeking an injunction to stop the Chisholms from committing fraudulent acts, including the unlawful sale of stock, restitution for the victims, civil penalties, the forfeiture of

property that was unlawfully purchased with investor funds and attorneys' fees and costs.

Consumers with complaints against Safari Media are urged to contact the Attorney General's Consumer Information and Complaints Unit at (602) 542-5763 or 1-800-352-8431. They can also call the Securities Division at (602) 542-4242 or toll free at 1-877-811-3878.

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